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MEDICINE LAKE HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA

MONTANA REFUGE ROAD PROJECT MELA 900(1)

This project is replacement of the all refuge's asphalt roadways and parking areas with concrete. Included is excavation below the surface 24-inches deep to install geotextile fabric and gravel to prevent frost heave.

Although the project is on the Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, design and contract administration is provided by Federal Highways, Western Federal Lands Highway Division out of Vancouver Washington. The project manager assigned to this project is Chuck Mikkola who calls Ocean Park Washington home. He and his wife are living in Medicine Lake until the project is complete sometime on or before August 11, 2006. Western Federal Lands Highway Division provides design and construction services in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and parts of Wyoming. If you're interested in learning more about the Western Federal Lands Highway Division and take a tour of projects underway visit their web site at www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov

This project was advertised with two contractors providing bids, EHC, LLC of Deaver, Wyoming and RB Constructors, LLC of Rexburg Idaho. RB Constructors was low bid at \$779,755 and received the award. RB Constructors is an experienced contractor having completed other Federal jobs. However this is their first project doing work for Western Federal Lands. They plan to start work around May 15th.

This newsletter will come out weekly until the project is completed and may at times include a photo. If you wish to receive this via Email you only need to send a request to the email listed below.

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